

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. **If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues, or believes that some or all of the claims are not in condition for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule a telephone Examiner Interview before any further actions on the merits.**

The applicant will now address each of the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6-8, 10, 12 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,853 ("the Shiyama patent") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0168117 ("the Lee publication"). The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of rejection in view of the following.

Claim 6 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 1. Thus, claim 6 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6, these claims are similarly in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 9. Thus, claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 11. Thus, claim 12 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 13. Thus, claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

New claims

New claims 15-18 are similar to claims 2-5, respectively. New claims 19 and 20 are similar to claims 7 and 8, respectively. Each of claims 15-20 depends, either directly or indirectly, from allowed claim 9. Thus, claims 15-20 are in condition for allowance.

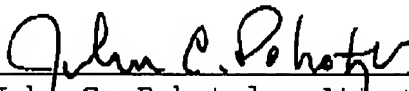
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicant requests that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Any arguments made in this amendment pertain **only** to the specific aspects of the invention **claimed**. Any claim amendments or cancellations, and any arguments, are made **without prejudice to, or disclaimer of**, the applicant's right to seek patent protection of any unclaimed (e.g., narrower, broader, different) subject matter, such as by way of a continuation or divisional patent application for example.

Respectfully submitted,

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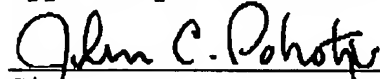

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